

## ECONOMY OF IRRIGATION

Great Advantages to Be Derived from Artificial Distribution.

## CONCLUSION OF THE STATE CONVENTION

Delegates Relate Their Experience in Soil Conservation, Water Conservation, and the Advantages of Irrigation in the Western Territory.

LEXINGTON, Neb., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—

Elder Edwards of Lincoln opened the evening session of the irrigation state convention with prayer. Edward McFerson read a paper entitled "Reminiscences and Realization of Nebraska's Water Problem," in which he related the experience of a settler during the years coming down to irrigation. Mr. McFerson showed what was being done in Cheyenne county under irrigation, citing the names of farmers and amount raised under irrigation, showing that on one quarter acre parties produce \$50 in farm produce, and larger tracts in proportion. He cited that in 1892 he cut 100 tons of hay from a tract that under irrigation in 1895 cut 400 tons. Numerous similar instances were cited that would scarcely be believed except in a section where the actual benefits are seen.

Senator Akers of Lincoln followed with an address. He said he often met men who said they lived in a part of Nebraska where irrigation was not needed, but they were mistaken, and are beginning to find out that there is no part of Nebraska that does not need irrigation, where it can be had at reasonable expense. He called attention to the fact that a few years ago nearly everybody in Nebraska was opposed to irrigation. Speaking of a drive he had taken in western Nebraska, Mr. Akers stated that he had found a few farmers who had more than 100 acres of alfalfa. Counting alfalfa, he said he hardly dare tell what he actually knew. He stated that John Stiles had forty acres of alfalfa and got fourteen bushels of alfalfa seed this year and sold it at \$3 per bushel, the hay paying all the expenses of raising and marketing the crop. Another farmer had 100 acres of alfalfa land \$351 worth of alfalfa seed. He showed that over 2,250 miles of ditch has been constructed in Nebraska and that \$1,546,860 worth of alfalfa seed has been sold. He stated that the estimated expense of completing the work is \$10,000,000 more, putting 1,661,017 acres under irrigation and increasing the value of the land \$10,000,000.

## VERY GOOD RECORD.

He asserted that this was a remarkable record for a time of financial depression and was yet but the beginning of the irrigation enterprise in Nebraska. Senator Akers, who is one of the fathers of irrigation in Nebraska, closed with a prediction setting forth that inside of twenty years the entire valley would not only be irrigated, but the machinery and trains along the entire valley would be run by electricity generated by the water falling from the ditches along the bluff.

Hon. John H. Powers, labor commissioner of Nebraska, next addressed the convention upon the "Economy of Irrigation." He cautioned the convention against the danger of using more water than they needed and thereby hurting the productive quality of the land. He asserted that the construction of mills along irrigation canals to be run by water power to manufacture and utilize the products of the irrigated lands. He asserted the ownership of canals by the people using them and asserted that the work should be done by the farmers themselves. He asserted that a grand future awaits the irrigated lands in the growth of sugar beets by irrigation.

The following message was read by President Wolfenbarger from Governor Holcomb: "I deeply regret that I am unable to attend your convention. Wish you greatest success in your efforts to promote the interests of irrigation in Nebraska."

Robert Scott, a Dawson county farmer, gave his experience in practical irrigation the past year. He stated that while it was the first year he had irrigated, he had how to use the water to best advantage. He obtained twenty-five bushels of wheat to the acre on the irrigated land, while on adjoining land he obtained only ten bushels per acre. He stated that two men could handle and irrigate a 160 acre farm, after they learned how to use the water.

## INTERESTING ADDRESSES.

O. V. P. Stout made an interesting address on "Investigations in Stream Gauging in Nebraska." He stated that river stations had been maintained on the Republican, Loup, Platte and Frenchman rivers for the purpose of making measurements and taking observations. With the aid of charts and maps he showed the volume of water passing through various points on the Republican river. He stated that the water in Nebraska that is available for irrigation purposes. The flow of water through the Loup River at Columbus is 100 feet second, and that of the Platte river is 1,000 feet second. He stated that the flow of water in Nebraska was sufficient to irrigate 3,000,000 acres.

Willard D. Johnson made an interesting geological survey addressed the convention on "Underground Water Resources." He showed that the government was making extensive investigations into the underground water and the best methods of obtaining same for practical use and demonstrating the feasibility of doing so.

Prof. E. H. Barbour made an interesting talk upon the subject of "Home-Made Wind Mills" and the benefits that can be cheaply derived by using them for irrigation purposes. He used numerous charts, showing the method of constructing the pump or home-made mills at very nominal cost.

The first paper of this afternoon's session was opened by A. K. Giffin, in which he clearly showed the benefits of irrigation. Judge S. M. Knox addressed the convention on the subject of "Priority of Water Rights." He stated that the water rights in Nebraska were a matter of great importance.

G. H. Lawrence followed on "Irrigation as an Engineer's Standpoint." His address was full of meat for the builders of ditches. He asserted that the method of constructing the pump or home-made mills at very nominal cost.

A paper on "Alfalfa," by Hon. Charles W. McFerson, was also presented.

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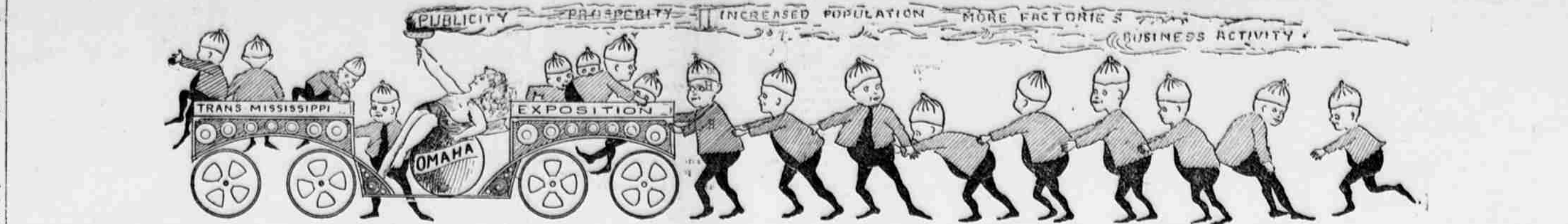
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Bought Stolen Property. FREMONT, Nov. 21.—(Special.)—Fred Weise, who runs a small general store on Lower Main street, was arrested yesterday on a complaint filed by A. C. Maxwell, charging him with buying stolen property. The evidence showed that he had purchased at a low figure a couple of blankets which had been stolen from the State university. He had also purchased "for a song" some other property which had been stolen and had sold it to a couple of men now in jail serving sentences for the same crime.

College Flag Pole Raising. HASTINGS, Nov. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The large flag pole, which has been standing in front of the republican amphitheater during the campaign, was given to the college by the Hastings college. The flag pole was raised yesterday afternoon between the college and the dormitory. Mayor Evans Patton of the college and several of the college professors delivered short addresses to the gathering. The flag pole is eight feet high, and from the top floats a fifty-foot flag.

Wahoo Women's Entertainment. WAHOO, Neb., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—The gentlemen of the city were royally entertained by their female friends at a leap year hop at Wahoo's opera house last evening. The women showed ability in arranging details, serving an elegant luncheon at 11 o'clock. About thirty couples were present.